

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic camera comprising:  
an imaging unit;  
an image reproduction monitor;  
5 an information input unit which adds private  
information at the time of photographing an image; and  
a prohibition unit which prohibits the  
reproduction of an image on the image reproduction  
monitor in accordance with the private information.
- 10 2. An electronic camera according to claim 1,  
wherein the image reproduction is prohibited by  
displaying predetermined information different from the  
recorded image data.
- 15 3. An electronic camera according to claim 1,  
wherein the image reproduction is prohibited by  
displaying by converting the recorded image data into a  
different image.
- 20 4. An electronic camera comprising:  
an imaging unit;  
a display unit having a first image recording area  
and a second image recording area different from the  
first image recording area, the display unit displaying  
the image recorded in the first image recording area in  
priority;
- 25 a judgment unit which judges the private imaging  
operation at the time of imaging operation; and  
a recording control unit which records information

in the second image recording area in accordance with the judgment of the private imaging operation.

5. An electronic camera configured to execute recording and reproducing an image and a voice,  
5 comprising:

a selecting unit which adds private information at the time of recording, and selects one of a mode for reproducing only the image and a mode for reproducing both the image and the voice at the time of  
10 reproduction in accordance with the private information.

6. An electronic camera according to claim 5,  
wherein the selecting unit selects the mode for reproducing only the image in priority in private mode,  
15 and selects the mode for reproducing both the image and the voice only by a predetermined operation.

7. An electronic camera comprising first and second electronic monitors arranged on the finder and the back of the camera, respectively, further  
20 comprising:

an information input unit which adds private information at the time of imaging operation; and

a determining unit which determines the reproduction in selected one of the first electronic  
25 monitor and the second electronic monitor in accordance with the private information.

8. An electronic camera configured to execute

recording and reproducing an image and a voice,

wherein private information is added at the time of recording, and in accordance with the private information, the form of the image reproduced is changed thereby to reduce the sound volume at the time of voice reproduction.

9. An electronic camera configured to execute recording and reproducing an image and a voice, comprising:

an input unit which adds specific information at the time of recording; and

a selecting unit which selects one of a plurality of reproduction modes in accordance with the specific information and a predetermined information input at the time of reproduction.

10. An electronic camera according to claim 9, wherein said plurality of reproduction modes includes a mode for prohibiting the voice reproduction or reducing the reproduced sound volume.

11. An electronic camera according to claim 9, wherein said plurality of reproduction modes includes a mode for displaying predetermined information in place of the recorded image.

12. An electronic camera according to claim 9, wherein the predetermined information input at the time of reproduction is identical with the specific information added at the time of recording.

13. An electronic camera comprising:

an imaging unit;

an image recording unit;

an image reproduction monitor;

5        a designation switch which designates a recorded  
image being reproduced on the image reproduction  
monitor; and

         a control unit which sets recorded images other  
than the designated reproduced image into the display  
10       prohibition state and thus prohibits the display  
thereof.

         14. An electronic camera according to claim 13,  
         wherein the control unit permits the display  
processing of enlargement, reduction and rotation of  
15       the recorded images including the recorded image in the  
display prohibition state.

         15. An electronic camera according to claim 13,  
         wherein the control unit lengthens the display  
time of the designated recorded image over the initial  
20       set value.

         16. An electronic camera according to claim 13,  
         wherein the control unit suspends the display of  
the recorded image upon the lapse of a predetermined  
length of time.

25       17. An electronic camera according to claim 16,  
         wherein the control unit restarts the display of  
the image in accordance with an arbitrary switching

operation after suspension of the image display upon the lapse of the predetermined length of time.

18. An electronic camera according to claim 14,  
wherein the control unit permits the display of  
5 other images than the designated recorded image by  
executing the designation of enlargement, reduction and  
rotation of the recorded image in a predetermined  
order.

19. An information device comprising:  
10 an information input unit;  
an information recording unit; and  
an information reproduction unit,  
wherein the information recorded in the  
information recording unit is reproduced by the  
15 information reproduction unit in such a manner that the  
input of arbitrary information from the information  
input unit is prompted, and the degree of coincidence  
between the input information and a predetermined  
pattern is determined, and in the case where the degree  
20 of coincidence is high, the recorded information is  
reproduced.

20. An information device according to claim 19,  
wherein the information input unit has an image  
input unit and a voice input unit and determines the  
25 degree of coincidence based on selected one of an image  
and a voice.

21. An information device according to claim 19,

further comprising:

a determining unit which determines that a voice has been input; and

5 a reproduction unit which reproduces a predetermined image based on the output of the determining unit.

22. An information device according to claim 19, further comprising:

10 a determining unit which determines that an image has been input; and

a reproduction unit which reproduces a predetermined image based on the output of the determining unit.

23. A portable information apparatus comprising:  
15 an input unit which inputs information including at least selected one of an image and a voice;

a storage unit which digitally stores the input information in nonvolatile form;

20 a reproduction unit which reproduces the information digitally stored;

a specifying unit which specifies at least one of the digital information stored in the storage unit; and

a control unit which performs the control operation to reproduce by the reproduction unit only  
25 the digital information specified by the specifying unit.

24. A portable information apparatus according to

claim 23, further comprising:

a cancellation unit which cancels the specification by the specifying unit.

25. An electronic camera having an image reproduction monitor and imaging unit, comprising:

a switch unit which designates the reproduced image at the time of controlling the image display on the reproduction monitor; and

an image display control unit which controls by prohibiting the display of images other than the image in accordance with the determination of the operation of the switching unit.

26. An electronic camera according to claim 25, wherein the control unit permits the display processing including the rotation, enlargement and reduction of the displayed image by the switching operation also in the prohibited state.

27. An electronic camera according to claim 25, wherein the control unit lengthens the display time of the displayed image.

28. An electronic camera according to claim 25, wherein the control unit erases the displayed image after a predetermined length of time.

29. An electronic camera according to claim 28, wherein the control unit restarts the display of the image in response to an arbitrary switch operation in the case where the image is erased upon the lapse of

a predetermined length of time in the prohibited state.

30. An electronic camera according to claim 25,  
wherein the display of other images than the  
selected image is permitted in such a manner that the  
5 display processing including the rotation, enlargement  
and reduction of the image is executed in a  
predetermined order while at the same time canceling  
the prohibited state by the control unit.

31. An information reproduction input device  
10 having an information input function and an information  
reproduction function, comprising:

a coincidence degree determining unit which  
permits the reproduction of predetermined information  
using the information reproduction function in the case  
15 where the degree of coincidence between the input  
information and a predetermined pattern is high when  
the predetermined information is input using the  
information input function.

32. An information reproduction input device  
20 according to claim 31,

wherein the information input function includes an  
image input function and a voice input function, and  
the degree of coincidence is determined by the  
information of selected one of the image input function  
25 and the voice input function.

33. An information input reproduction device  
comprising:



a determining unit which determines that a predetermined voice has been input; and

a reproduction unit which reproduces a predetermined image based on the result of determination by the determining unit.

34. An information input reproduction device comprising:

a determining unit which determines that a predetermined image has been input; and

a reproduction unit which reproduces a predetermined voice based on the result of determination by the determining unit.